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Dear Esther and Josh,

Delay in my replies has been caused by several unexpected factors.

On February 28th I have received a telegram from England that my father has collapsed and passed away. I was able to catch a plane in time to attend the funeral and had to stay over two weeks in order to try to disentangle many matters related to his death. This was a very great shock to me and therefore I was unable to give as much consideration to the problem connected with the Wistar Institute as I have originally intended.

Even now correspondence with the Executors, Solicitors etc. in England occupies two solid afternoons per week and it presents definitely an important factor in delays to answer letters etc.

On May 1st I am moving to Philadelphia although Irena will still stay in Englewood until we find a house in the Philadelphia area. We have sold our house but have not as yet found a suitable (priced) dwelling in Pennsylvania.

I noticed with great regret that your sights now are directed only Westward-Ho. At the same time I realize that you may have decided to stay in Wisconsin because of new developments in the field of Medical Genetics. Billingham is arriving at Wistar on October 10th and is bringing an immunogeneticist from Caltech with him. George Klein is still undecided because of the Swedish temptations. They would like to make him a professor but so far these are only words. If Klein decides to come to USA he will come to Wistar. If he definitely refuses then there will be ~~another~~ another opening. In the meantime I had to prepare an application for federal matching grant to alteration and modernization of the laboratory space, and if we shall be able to get the grant the Institute will undergo considerable amount of face lifting. Medawar was here and told that you were unfortunately in ~~Wistar~~ England when he ~~was~~ was in Wisconsin.

I hope that your Australian venture ~~is~~ has materialized and that you definitely will stay in India. Because of the above problems I came to Chicago only for one day and returned immediately to Philadelphia. I am sorry that I missed our two weeks at your lab and in your company but I am certain

that I will be able to come in the fall after your return from the Orient if you will still agree to have me in your laboratory.

I doubt that I will develop a fantastic attachment for Philadelphia. If the long term prospects at Berkely should materialize I would like very much to think about them.

"Aujourd'hui l'homme desire immensement, mais il vent faiblement"  
Even though Philadelphia climate etc. perhaps we shall be able to see you before Australia, India etc.

In the ~~meantime~~ meantime our best to you

Yours

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